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County to Build Recreation Hall for El Nido Park

\$21,791 Contract Approved by Board

Acting at the request of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn the county board of supervisors this week approved a \$21,791 contract for the construction of a community recreation building in El Nido Park.

With construction of this modern new building greatly increased recreational facilities will be made available to the people of a large area of El Nido, the southern section of Lawndale, north Torrance and Redondo Beach, Supervisor Hahn said.

Under terms of the contract, the contractor, Walter Kroff Construction Co., should begin work on the building during March and the building should be completed in four months time.

The new recreation building will be located in El Nido park, set back approximately 200 feet from Kingsdale Ave. at the curve just south of 182nd St.

Supervisor Hahn said that the building will be approximately 60 by 120 feet and will contain a large recreation room, a kitchenette, storage rooms, entry-ways, and public toilet facilities.

The building will be well-heated and lighted. Supervisor Hahn said that it would be available for many uses, including regular recreational activities, and as a meeting place for community organizations and youth groups.

Special Bank Fund Open For Heart \$\$. Funds collected for the current Heart Fund campaign may now be deposited directly in the Torrance branch of Bank of America.

The Heart Fund drive, which opened last Wednesday, will continue throughout February.

One-Day Recruiting Blitz Slated by National Guard. Major General Earle M. Jones, state adjutant general, today announced that all Army and Air National Guard units in California will conduct a one-day recruiting drive Feb. 22.

The purpose of the campaign, he said, "is to help enlist 75,000 new volunteer Guardsmen urgently needed to meet the fiscal year goal set by Congress for the United States, Puerto Rico, Alaska and Hawaii."

"We hope through a brief but intensive drive to stimulate a broadly-based community interest in meeting the need for a larger National Guard through the democratic means of voluntary enlistment."

At All-Time High. "Present strength of the National Guard in the United States and territories is 430,714," he said. "That is an all-time high but it still falls short of what the military planners in Washington have in mind for us."

General Jones said that present strength of the National Guard in California is 24,428, and that the net increase needed to meet the state's quota for this fiscal year is 4017. "As a result," he said, "we are setting a statewide goal in the one-day campaign of 4017."

Attainment of this goal would result in overall California membership of 28,445—the highest ever attained. Previous high was 27,120 in 1950.

Program Outlined. The basic program of the one-day campaign will consist in some localities of a drill period the morning of National Guard

Liquor Store, Cleaners Held Up in Torrance

One man has been arrested and three more suspects are being sought by detectives as a result of two armed robberies here—one at a liquor store, the other at a cleaning establishment.

Fred R. Lancelotti, 26, of 8034 Deane St., was arrested by Redondo police Monday on suspicion of armed robbery after a store in Redondo and a cleaner's at 17508 Cranbury Blvd., in Torrance, were both robbed within a 45-minute period.

At 8:30 p.m. Monday, local authorities received word of a robbery in Redondo. At 9 p.m. local officers were called out by Margaret M. Esch, 38, clerk of the Bon Marche Cleaners in north Torrance.

Displayed Pistol. She told officers that a man entered the store just before closing time, displayed a pistol and ordered her to hand over money registers.

The suspect was picked up shortly afterward in Redondo. Ephraim Schwartzman, 53, of Long Beach, who owns Fred's Liquor Store, at 1954 W. Carson St., reported that he was held up at gunpoint by three men shortly before midnight Saturday.

He said the three came in and one of the men advanced to him, flashing a small pistol in his hand. He said he was made to lie down on the floor while one of the robbers covered him and the other two scooped money from the cash register.

\$500 Taken. Authorities said approximately \$500 was taken from the liquor store, while the amount taken from the cleaners was not determined.

Top Homemaker Mrs. Torrance To Be Selected

A Mrs. America kick-off dinner highlighted opening of preparations for the annual country-wide and local selections for top homemakers recently.

Junior Chamber of Commerce officials in this area and the Southern California Gas Co. are handling local contests, which for some women may well be stepping stones for a state and even a national home-making title.

In charge of the Mrs. Torrance contest is Bud Fellers, of the Torrance Jaycees. He and Phil Lisman, Junior Chamber president, attended the kick-off meeting.

They have announced the quest for Mrs. Torrance will begin soon, with the winner going up against top homemakers in Redondo, Hermosa, Manhattan, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Inglewood and Westchester at the divisional run-off Mar. 21.

Fellers pointed out that this definitely is not a beauty contest, more a chance for all good homemakers to "stand up and be counted." Lisman added the Mrs. America winner will get more than \$15,000 in prizes.

Applications for the contest may be obtained at any local store, the Chamber of Commerce or at the gas company.

Obituaries. Nellie P. Bradford. Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Nellie P. Bradford, 78, of 24240 Ocean Ave., who died Tuesday at a local hospital.

A native of Arkansas, she lived in this area for the past five years. Services will be held under the direction of Halverson-Leavell Mortuary at Community Methodist Church in Wallerita at 10 p.m. Monday.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brinkley, 3411 187th Pl., found, through X-rays when Pamela was nine months old that she had heart trouble.

Second Birthday. She went to the hospital for 10 days starting on her second birthday then went home to build up for surgery which was performed Dec. 12, 1955.

A noted surgeon from Johns Hopkins Foundation successfully completed the operation at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica using recently perfected techniques for heart surgery.

Brinkley works for the Torrance Post Office. They have one other child, Billye Joyce, 7.

Local survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Dunbar, of 2042 W. 240th St., Lomita, and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothea Eliassen, of the Hoover St. address in Gardena.

The body was shipped to Ft. Bragg, Calif., for interment.

Man-slaughter Charge Filed Against Driver. Man-slaughter charges against Robert McNeil, 36, of Inglewood were filed this week as an outcome of the recent death of Hobson Denmark, 57, of Lawndale, from a traffic crash here.

McNeil was the driver of a car that collided with the car, in which Denmark was riding, Jan. 19 at 182nd St. and Crenshaw Blvd. Denmark, of 4306 W. 107th St., died Jan. 29 in a Los Angeles hospital from injuries suffered in the crash.

Driver of the car, in which Denmark was a passenger, was Joseph M. Libby, 44, of Hawthorne.

McNeil was arrested by Torrance detectives Monday on the manslaughter count. He bailed out of jail by posting \$1500 bond.

He will face preliminary hearing Feb. 17 at 9:30 a.m. on the charge in South Bay Municipal Court, detectives said.



MRS. TORRANCE PLANNERS . . . Kicking off the annual search for a Mrs. America, this group met recently to plan for the Mrs. Torrance selection, preliminary elimination contest for the national title. Left to right, standing, Phil Lisman, Torrance Junior Chamber president; Mrs. Marge Ewen, Home Service director, Southern California Gas Co., and Bud Fellers, Jaycees Mrs. America chairman, look over entry requirements. Seated, left to right, Mrs. Kathleen Girvan, Mrs. California of 1955; Ed Hawksworth, of SoCal Gas, and Mrs. Dona Griswold, last year's Mrs. Westchester, soon the fact sheet also.



SENATOR KUCHEL

Kuchel Will Be Keynoter At GOP Dinner

Harbor area Republican Party fund raising activities for the 1956 political campaign will kick-off with a \$10-a-plate Lincoln Day Dinner next Monday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., at the San Pedro Hacienda Hotel.

Principal speaker will be Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel who will be touring the Southland from Feb. 10-14. He is expected to speak on the Eisenhower program and give a first-hand account of activities in the nation's capital.

Jack Brown, Republican Finance Chairman for the area, revealed that the dinner is the district's first major fund-raising effort in the forthcoming campaign.

Need Help. Said Brown, "Because of the crucial importance of the Eisenhower program by both the nation and the world it is essential that all those interested in continuing the President's plan support fund raising activities such as this."

Republican Central Committee District Chairman Charles Soderstrom said that tickets for the dinner may be obtained by calling TErminAl 2-5315.

PRE-PACKAGING SPREADS FAST—There will be more and more pre-packaged goods in department stores from now on, according to a survey made by the Folding Paper Box Assn. in cooperation with the National Retail Dry Goods Assn.

Seeking to increase sales and cut operating costs, department stores will insist that manufacturers package more of their products in colorful, eye-catching cartons designed for display and self-selection selling.

The report cites a number of case histories in which imaginative packaging has turned stale, plain goods such as towels, sheets and linens into gift items for year-round selling.

In a drive to meet competition of self-service stores, the retailers plan a concerted campaign to convince suppliers that hundreds of articles now sold "loose" will move quicker and more easily in handy cartons.

THINGS TO COME—A packaged swimming pool for \$2000 will be offered suburban homeowners this spring. . . Plastic anchors for fastening objects to metal with screws come in lets with a carbide-tipped drill . . . A new cleaner for stainless steel leaves a corrosion-resistant film on the metal. . . The

REYNOLDS KNIGHT Business Reporter Says Money For Long-Term Loans May Vanish

Translating the guarded prose of the Federal Reserve Board into plain customer's English is always difficult, but often worth doing. In its latest issue the Board seems to be saying that some of the money that has been pouring into the housing market won't be available any more.

So, if you are eligible for one of the long-term, low-equity plans such as the Veterans' Administration's guaranteed 30-year loans, perhaps you had better look into the home of your dreams right quick. If you are a solid citizen with 40 per cent of the price you mean to pay in hand, and able to get an old-fashioned bank or insurance mortgage, maybe you can wait a few months and get a house more cheaply.

The January Federal Reserve Bulletin lists the sources of mortgage money: Individual savings, capital funds which can be invested either in mortgages or in securities as interest rates dictate, government advances, and commercial funds temporarily advanced to long-term lenders.

All the board actually says about the commercial banks' advances to long-term lenders is that increasing them would be unwise. When the Federal Reserve banks know the Fed feels something is unwise, they tend to stop doing it. The board "hopes" mortgage lending will be cut back to the sum of savings. If it is, there will be less lending, and the longest-term loans will dry up first.

GOOD CARVING-TIME—The percentage of beef grading prime at Chicago packing house in January was almost twice the corresponding percentage in January, 1955. The reason has to do with one of the biggest—and often most profitable—gamblers of the whole risky farming business.

Every summer, when the Texas pastures have turned brown, the onetime lush grass of the Osage country of Kansas and Oklahoma is dry and rustling, and the growing season for corn is far enough along that the total of bushels can be estimated with fair accuracy, feedlot owners invade the stockyards and buy skinny steers to take home and build up.

The feedlot man fattens the critters on corn and alfalfa-meal or oileak and molasses supplements, and brings them back to the market after 150 to 200 days. He has going for him both the added weight and the added price per pound because of the animal's higher grade. Most often he gets back the price of the feed and some to the beside. Even when he doesn't, he must sell, because after a while the weight and grade gain cease.

This was one of the losing years—and now the fed steers are being rushed to market.



TAKE HONORS . . . Jack McNeil, right, and Don Kelley, both Explorer Scouts in Torrance Post 219X, congratulate each other after getting Silver Award here Monday. Boys received top Explorer honor at meeting of local Kiwanis Club, which sponsors post.

Two Explorer Scouts Given Top Awards

Explorer Scouts Jack McNeil and Don Kelley, of the Torrance Kiwanis-sponsored Post 219X, were presented with the highest award for Explorers Monday night at the Kiwanis meeting—the Silver Award.

Presentation was made by Tom Wilkes, who explained the requirements for winning the award to Kiwanis members.

Last year, Wilkes said, only 41 Silver Awards were presented from a roster of 42,600 scouts in the area.

Both McNeil and Kelley are 16. McNeil is a junior at Junipero Serra High, in Gardena, while Kelley is a third-year student at Torrance High School.

McNeil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil, of 2475-D Torrance Blvd. Mr. and Mrs. Don Kelley, of 1415 Beech Ave., are the parents of Kelley.

Dr. Howard Wood, scout executive for the Harbor district, introduced the following guests, who were invited to witness the presentation: R. J. Fleischman, field scout executive; William Sells, assistant district commissioner, and Al Dumont, Post 219X advisor.

Parents of the two boys also were present at the fete.



LITTLE PAMELA BRINKLEY (Herald Photo) . . . She's O.K. After Surgery

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HOBSON DENMARK . . . Traffic Victim